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Masahiro YAMANAKA et al. : Patent Art Unit: 3682

Serial No.: 10/773,243

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For: BICYCLE CRANK ASSEMBLY

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Japanese Patent Publication No. JP-51-007855 appears to disclose a crank having a sprocket mounted there to by crimping.

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Prompt examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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